

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 34-66 were examined. Claims 34-40, 45-50, 52 and 54-56 were rejected under prior art, while claims 41-44, 51 and 53 were acknowledged to contain allowable subject matter. Furthermore, claim 45 was objected to because of a typographical error.

Of the examined claims, claims 34 and 66 are the independent claims. The allowable subject matter of claim 41 (including intervening claim 40) is incorporated into each of independent claims 34 and 66, thereby placing claims 34 and 66 in condition for immediate allowance. Allowable claims 51 and 53 are rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims, thereby placing claims 51 and 53 in condition for immediate allowance. Furthermore, claims 40 and 41 are canceled to avoid redundancy. Claims 42-44 are amended to correct their dependency. As a result of the amendments to claims 34 and 66, claims 35-39, 42-50, 52, 54-62 and 64-66 are in condition for immediate allowance at least by virtue of their dependency.

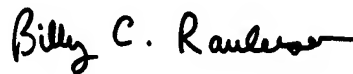
Additionally, claim 45 is amended to correct the aforementioned typographical error, thereby overcoming the Examiner's objection to claim 45.

In view of the above, entry and consideration of this Amendment and allowance of claims 34-39 and 42-66 are respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 03-0172. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully Submitted,



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